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1. EMBOFF TOOK UP QUESTION OF ADDITIONAL RESEARCHERS
IN AREA OF PORTSALL WITH LUCIEN LAUBIER, DIRECTOR OF
BREST OCEANOGRAPHIC CENTER, A PART OF THE CENTRE
NATIONALE POUR L'EXPLOITATION DES OCEANS (CNEXO)
CHARGED BY THE FRENCH ENVIRONMENT MINISTRY WITH A
STUDY OF THE EFFECTS OF THIS SPILL. LAUBIER TOLD
EMBOFF IN PRINCIPLE IT WOULD BE ABLE ASSIST FOUR MORE
RESEARCHERS. HOWEVER, HE ADDED, THAT, BEFORE GIVING
A DEFINITIVE REPLY, HE WOULD APPRECIATE RECEIVING MORE
DETAILS ON PRECISELY WHAT SORT OF STUDIES THESE
SCIENTISTS INTENDED TO CARRY OUT. LAUBIER INFORMED
EMBOFF THAT COPY OF DRAFT PROGRAM FOR OIL SPILL STUDY
GIVEN TO DR. ERIC SCHNEIDER OF EPA AND SUGGESTED THAT
RESEARCHERS IN THIS AREA MENTIONED PARA 2 REFTEL FIT
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THEIR STUDIES INTO THIS PROGRAM.

2. ABOVE ESSENTIALLY CONFIRMED BY CALUDE RIFFAUD,
DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF CNEXO, WITH WHOM EMBOFF ALSO BROUGHT
UP POSSIBLE AMOCO PARTICIPATION IN STUDY OF ECOLOGICAL
RESULTS THIS OIL SPILL. THE MATTER IS NOW UNDER
CONSIDERATION IN THE CABINET OF THE MINISTER OF

ENVIRONMENT. RIFFAUD'S UNDERSTANDING IS THAT AMOCO WOULD BE ABLE TO SPEND \$2 MILLION OVER THREE YEARS ON THIS STUDY. RIFFAUD SAID HE UNDERSTOOD A JOINT COMMITTEE WAS TO BE FORMED WITH A FRENCH PRESIDENT AND AS YET NOT FULLY SPECIFIED FRENCH AND AMERICAN PARTICIPANTS WHICH WOULD DECIDE ON THE DETAILED USE OF THESE FUNDS. RIFFAUD THOUGHT THERE WOULD BE DIFFICULTIES IN CARRYING OUT ANY OF THE WORK IN THE US OR IN HAVING AMOCO CONTRIBUTE FOR THIS PURPOSE DIRECTLY TO THE FRENCH GOVERNMENT. HOWEVER, HE THOUGHT FOR THE MOMENT AT LEAST THAT THERE WOULD BE NO PROBLEM IN HAVING AMOCO SCIENTISTS PARTICIPATING DIRECTLY IF A SATISFACTORY GOF/AMOCO STUDY COULD BE ARRANGED.

7. MORE GENERALLY CONCERNING PRESENT AND CONTEMPLATED AMERICAN STUDIES, THE COB HAS ALREADY HAD RESEARCHERS FROM NOAA, EPA, AS WELL AS THE NATIONAL MARINE FISHERIES SERVICE, BEAUFORT, N.C. LABORATORY. IN ADDITION, THERE IS A CANADIAN GROUP FROM THE BEDFORD (NOVA SCOTIA) INSTITUTE OF OCEANOGRAPHY.

LAUBIER TOLD EMBOFF APRIL 11 THAT TWO GERMAN SCIENTISTS WERE WAITING IN HIS OUTER OFFICE TO SEE HIM. SO FAR, LAUBIER TOLD EMBOFF THESE THREE COUNTRIES ONLY ONES TO SEND RESEARCHERS TO HIS LABORATORY.
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8. WHILE LAUBIER VERY HAPPY TO HAVE ALL THIS INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION FROM WHICH HE SAID CNEXO HAS LEARNED A GREAT DEAL, HE ADDED THAT THE POINT HAS NOW BEEN REACHED WHERE ALL FURTHER RESEARCH BY FOREIGN SCIENTISTS WILL HAVE TO BE MORE CAREFULLY FITTED INTO CNEXO'S PLANS.
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